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To Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing in SUPPORT of:

- S.B. No. 387 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.
- S.B. No. 392 AN ACT CONCERNING STATEMENTS MADE BY JUVENILES.

I am writing in strong OPPOSITION of:

- S.B. No. 365 AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS.
- S.B. No. 388 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK, OR MOTOR VEHICLE.
- H.B. No. 5418 AN ACT REVISING JUVENILE CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATUTES AND INSURANCE STATUTES CONCERNING THEFT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.
- H.B. No. 5417 AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE JUSTICE AND SERVICES AND FIREARMS BACKGROUND CHECKS.
- S.B. No. 386 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STUDY OF THE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY LAWS OF THIS STATE.
- S.B. No. 16 AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME.

I reside in New Hartford and am opposing bills 365, 388, 5418, 5417, 386, and 16 because they harm rather than support our Connecticut children and families. The opposed bills are based in fear mongering and not based in the best practices that already exist in Connecticut. It is clear that the opposed bills are racially motivated and will be acted upon by racial biases that will particularly harm Black and brown children and adults.

We know that putting children into juvenile detention does not directly improve their situation and instead increases stress, disconnection and the likelihood of recidivism. The past two years have been a particularly trying time for our youth. It has never been clearer that our efforts and energy should be expended to improve supports and increase trauma-informed approaches within our schools, to increase access and availability to mental health treatment, and to increase supports and resources for families in our communities.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Carter, LCSW

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